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Loan Interests

CWFP Hardship Applications Due

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Application Deadline: Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) hardship financial assistance applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2004.

This deadline applies to you if you submitted an ITA by December 31, 2003, and you want to receive hardship financial assistance in State Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005).

Prior to applying, you must have a DNR approved facilities plan. If your facilities plan is not yet approved, please work with your DNR plan reviewer to be sure the plan can be approved prior to June 30.

Your complete application must contain approvable plans and specifications and other application items required by s. NR 162.06(2), Wis. Adm. Code. The required items are summarized on our application contents web page at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Guide/appcwfwf.htm and listed on page 1 of the application form.

You can obtain a copy of the CWFP Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-203) from our forms web page at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html, or by contacting Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or e-mail debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us.

For more information, contact Cindy Hoffland at (608) 266-7758 or cynthia.hoffland@dnr.state.wi.us, or see our hardship financial assistance

web pages at

dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/hardship.html.

Send in Drinking Water Applications

Jeanne Cargill/Ken Hollenzer

Applications Due April 30

Is your municipality planning a drinking water project in the next year or so? If so, and you're interested in obtaining a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), you must submit an application postmarked no later than **April 30, 2004**. You are eligible to apply for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 SDWLP funds if each of your municipality's projects appears on the Project Priority List (see attached). Two other actions must **occur on or before April 30:**

- ◆ Your municipality must obtain DNR approval of an engineering report for each of the projects you intend to fund.
- ◆ The DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater must receive 3 copies of the plans and specifications for your project.

Funding List

We will prepare a project funding list from the applications received and process the loans between July 1, 2004 and April 30, 2005. The SDWLP will likely have about \$17 million available for loans for SFY 2005. Although the SDWLP may not have enough funding to provide loans to all eligible applicants, **we encourage you to submit your loan application by the April 30 deadline.** The final funding list depends on several factors, including priority scores and populations of the applicants.

Project Priority Scores and SFY 05 Project Priority List

DNR scored projects based on Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms submitted by the December 31, 2003 deadline. The attached Project Priority List indicates the project priority scores of all potentially eligible projects for which the SDWLP received valid Notice of Intent to Apply forms. The projects are listed in descending order by priority score.

Small Systems Serving Less than 10,000 Persons

You have a better chance of receiving funding if your system serves less than 10,000 persons, regardless of your project priority score. The SDWLP is required by statute to allocate at least 15% of available loan funds to systems serving less than 10,000 persons before allocating funds to any other project. We encourage you to apply if your system meets this population requirement.

Some Applicants Must Re-Apply

If you submitted an application for funds last year (April 30, 2003 deadline) and will not close on an SDWLP loan by April 30, 2004, you need to submit an application for funding again this year if you are still interested in obtaining SDWLP funds.

Loan Closings/PSC Rate Approvals

All SDWLP loans for the SFY 2005 funding cycle must close by April 30, 2005. This is a statutory requirement, and funds not used by that date will be released to fund other qualified applicants. Because of our experience with delayed SDWLP loan closings in other years, we strongly encourage you to get the process of receiving PSC approval of your rates going early in your process of obtaining funding for your projects. Some applicants lose their funding allocations because their rate reviews are not completed early enough to close a loan by this deadline.

Application Contents

Items required for a complete application are listed in s. NR 166.10(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Check out our application contents web page at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Guide/appsdw.htm and page 1 of the application form for more information about required application contents.

Where to Get Forms

You can download the SDWLP Financial Assistance Application #8700-262 (as well as other forms) from our website at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html, or you may request copies from Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding the SDWLP, contact Jeanne Cargill at 608-267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us. ☐

Did you know?

Wisconsin has 15,081 documented inland lakes.

Wisconsin's lakes range in size from small 1-acre spring ponds to 137,708-acre Lake Winnebago.

Only about 40 percent of Wisconsin lakes have been named. The majority of the unnamed lakes are very small – less than 10 acres.

Vilas County has the most lakes: 1,318.

There are 116 lakes in Wisconsin named Mud Lake, 82 named Bass Lake, and 59 named Long Lake.

These facts and many more about Wisconsin's waters can be found on DNR's website at dnr.wi.gov/org/water/division/yow/waterfacts.htm.

New Form for SDWLP Projects & CWFP Equivalency Projects

Becky Scott

If you are receiving a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) or for a Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) project designated as federal equivalency, you need to submit a completed EIF Federal Equivalency Projects Assurances & Certification (Form #8700-201).

Your municipality's authorized representative must sign the form and submit it to your EIF project manager. By signing this form a municipality certifies that it will comply with Federal Cross-Cutting Laws and Authorities that apply to projects receiving federal capitalization grant funds.

This new form is available on-line at: dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/forms/8700201.pdf.

If you have questions about the Federal Equivalency form, contact Becky Scott at (608) 267-7584 or rebecca.scott@dnr.state.wi.us. ☐

Calendar of Events

April 30, 2004
Postmark deadline
SDWLP applications

June 30, 2004
Postmark deadline
Hardship applications